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MEMORANDUM FOR: Contracting Officer

23 October 1956

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: Deputy Project Director

SUBJECT

: Sextant

1. Following our discussion of 23 October I understand that the Contracting Officer will take the following action with Baird:

- a. Baird will be encouraged to make any relative minor modifications that would improve the sextant's night capability.
- b. Baird will be encouraged to investigate the feasibility of devices to improve the night capability by temporarily shutting out other illumination and by facilitating more accurate focusing of the pilot's line of vision on the presentation of the sextant so as to permit greater magnification.
- c. Will encourage Baird to submit a comprehensive proposal, including most of the elements mentioned in the attachment, as soon as their work on the items in b. preceding is sufficiently finished.
- 2. I am still of the view that we should give serious consideration to modifications designed to yield a good night capability if these will not be too expensive.

Attachment

RICHARD M. BISSELL, JR. Project Director

RMB:djm l-Addressee 2-Dep. Pro. Dir. 3-Dir. of Ops 4-R_mB Chrono 5-Proj. Grone

